

## House Resolution No. 3510

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the City of Elsberry, Missouri, which will commemorate the joyous occasion of its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary during the "Old Glory Jubilee" celebration to be held over the Fourth of July weekend; and

**Whereas**, in 1868, Robert T. Elsberry purchased 103 acres of land including the present site of Elsberry with outlying land from the heirs of Nelson Watts, a wealthy bachelor who owned many slaves; and

**Whereas**, when the first transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869, Clarksville businessmen J.O. Roberts, William M. McIntosh, and Henry S. Carroll established the Clarksville and Western Railroad Company, which was to run south from Clarksville to Dardenne (St. Peters); and

**Whereas**, the original plat of Elsberry showed that the town included the area from Main Street (Highway 79) up Griffin Street to Bluff Road (Seventh Street), two blocks north on Bluff Road to DuBois Street, then east on DuBois to Main Street; and

**Whereas**, there were three small settlements which included Lost Creek, Cross Roads, and the largest, Nelson, located near the fourth stake of the railroad, which was to become Elsberry; and

**Whereas**, all of the businesses and many of the homes of the settlements moved to Elsberry overnight, while the post office for the area at Nelson moved to Elsberry in August, 1879, at which time the City of Elsberry was established; and

**Whereas**, at the time of Elsberry's founding, other town plats registered in Lincoln County included Auburn, Brussels, Chantilla, Cap-au-gris, Chain of Rocks, Falmouth, Linn's Mill, Louisville, Millwood, Moscow, New Hope, New Salem, Olney, Troy, and Truxton:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the citizens and leaders of the City of Elsberry upon this very special anniversary event and in wishing them many more years of growth and prosperity to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the City of Elsberry, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3510, adopted June 30, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker